June 4, 2023

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"Dreaming from the Genesis"

Last week we discussed the events in Daniel Chapter 4. For those that may have missed my sermon, here is some context. Chapter 4 begins with a letter written by King Nebuchadnezzar the king addressed to all nations, of every language that live in all the earth.



In a sudden turn of events from Chapter 3, Nebuchadnezzar begins his letter with tautology of Psalm 145:13, praising the God of Israel. So, what is the deal? From the same guy that threatened to kill Daniel and friends for pledging their allegiance to their God earlier in the previous chapters, it is quite evident that something has shaken Nebuchadnezzar to the core. How did this tyrant, micromanaging dictator turn into someone who begins letters submitting to the God of Israel?

Well later in the Chapter we find Nebuchadnezzar admitting that it was the fulfillment of a dream from God that transforms his character. This is not something specific to Nebuchadnezzar's situation, as throughout the Bible we see God use dreams to communicate with humans of all social and religious backgrounds.

Interestingly enough, many people from around the world claim to receive dream messages from a "God-like figure." While it is exciting to think that our God can actively speak to us in our subconscious state, it is dangerous to think that we can accept all dreams as personal messages from God himself. So how do we know if our dream is truly from God or from "somewhere else?" Well today, we are going to study the format of multiple dream stories in the Bible, starting from Genesis, where we will discuss patterns and evidence that can validify or disprove the notion that God is speaking to you in your dreams.



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Danbury church of Christ

Office Hours

Joe Lewis

Prayer Request

- Marion Samaha's niece Alyssa Platt and her husband Dylan Platt precious baby Skyler lost oxygen for 15 minutes which was too long for her brain to recover. Skyler lived for three days. Pray for Alyssa and Dylan
- Jim Hopper is scheduled for surgery Tues., Jun 6th on his herniated disc
- Bob & Jo Harvey's grandson Jacob is still on a waiting list for testing and diagnosis
- Continue prayers for Randy Walker's sister Becky who had her scan on Wed, May 10th. *Great News* her tumor is stable and has not grown. Her oncologist is recommending two more months of chemo which means they are still able to operate. Continue prayers that treatment will lead to a successful outcome
- Continue prayers for Doug Vile who has been diagnosed with Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and his wife Jere who is always by his side and a constant support
- Pray for the families in the Texas mall shooting
- Pray for DcOC minister search
- Pray for safe travels for our congregation members
- Pray for our visitors
- The work in Mozambique and Zambia
- Pray for our missionaries and families
- Pray for our deacons, teachers, leaders, and each other

Praise and Thanksgiving

- Marion Samaha's husband Maurice (Maurie) was admitted to the hospital on Sat., May 27th his sodium levels are low and has some kidney and livery concerns. *Great News* On Mon., May 29th his numbers have gone up. He was discharged from the hospital Wed., May 30th
- Bridget Lewis' father Jim was admitted to the hospital on Sun., May 21st for congestive heart failure. On Tues., May 23rd he underwent two procedures TEE (Transesophageal Echocardiography) and cardioversion. *Great News* On Wed., May 24th Bridget's father Jim was cleared by the cardiologist to be discharged from the hospital
- Gilbert Gonzalez's friend Valerie was hospitalized for an abdominal infection. Valerie has been discharged from the hospital and is doing much better
- Sue Barbaratto's neighbor's son Aiden Batista who is 12 years old had swelling on the brain due to covid vaccinations. He had four surgeries. ****Good News**** Aiden was discharged from the hospital on Sat., May 13th just in time for his birthday party. He still has a lot of rehab ahead of him. Sue Barbaratto's office sales representative Cindy Patrissi has stage 4 cancer. Her doctors have started her on a new trial. Her numbers look much better

On Line Prayer Request

Ben Newton (United States) pray for suppression of anger issue, bitterness, anxiety and selfishness. Pray for job opportunities. He seeks a sound mind, wisdom, guidance and piece. Focusing on God and trusting in Him

Services & Meetings: Week of June 4, 2023

Sunday AM Worship9:30 amSunday AM Bible Classes for ALL AGES11:00 am

<u>Wednesday - Pray & Bible Study</u> **Zoom Meeting** Virtual 7:00 pm—8:00 pm If you are interesting in attending email: infoldanburycoc.org@gmail.com

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Event Calendar

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h	Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am If you are interested in attending Call: 203-743-4400 or			
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Bible Classes

11:00 am —Sunday Classes for <u>ALL AGES</u>

Adult Upstairs Class

"Teaching in the Upper Room" - Gene Pollastro

Ongoing Meeting (church building)

- ⇒ Mad Hatters Barber Shop Tues. 7:00 pm Rehearsals
- \Rightarrow Al-Anon Thurs. 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
- \Rightarrow Narcotics Anonymous Thurs. 6:30 pm-9:30 pm





Sunday, June 4th Potluck 12:00 pm—2:00 pm 90 Clapboard Ridge Rd—Danbury, CT Contact: Don & Doris G.

Wednesday—Pray and Bible Study **<u>Virtual</u>**

****Zoom Meeting****

7:00 pm-8:00 pm

If you are interested in attending the virtual bible study, please email us at info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com

It's a chance for us to connect, come together digitally to share, laugh and see each other as we unlock the bible together.

Come join us!





Saturday, June 10th Ladies Prayer Breakfast 9:00 am—11:00 am If you are interested in attending Call: 203-743-4400 or Email: Info1danburycoc.org@gmail.com Contact: JoAnn S.

Weekly Fellowship

Thursday—Bowling fellowship

12:15 pm—2:00 pm Strikers 840 Federal Rd., Brookfield

